

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 104372

47

ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ ARN: DAKORN: JFC

22670 5/30/73

APPROVED BY T - DR. TARR

PM/ MAS - MR. NORLAND; NEA: MR DAVIS

ISA/ SA - GEN. MOENCH

NEA/ IRN - MR. ROUSE; S/ S: MR BARNES

DSAA - MR. THIEBERGER

NEA/ RA - MR. SCHIFF; NEA: MR SISCO

L/ PM - MR. FIELDS

OSD/ ISA/ NESA - GEN. BRETT

NEA - MR. ATHERTON

----- 090367

O R 311922 Z MAY 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

S E C R E T STATE 104372

EXDIS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, LE

SUBJECT: IRANIAN REQUEST FOR TRANSFER MILITARY EQUIPMENT
TO LEBANON

REFERENCE: TEHRAN 3660, 3697

1. YOU SHOULD ASSURE GOI THAT USG AGREES REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF HELPING LEBANON IN CURRENT SITUATION. WE WELCOME RESPONSIVENESS OF SHAH IN OFFERING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FROM IRAN. IF TRANSFER OF WEAPONS FROM IRAN TO LEBANON SHOULD PROVE TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF MEETING CRITICAL LEBANESE NEEDS, WE ARE READY TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO GOI REQUEST FOR APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED BY U. S. LAWS.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 104372

GOI SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT GOL HAS APPROACHED USG WITH REQUEST TO PURCHASE 18 155 HOWITZER M-109 AND 16 A-4 B SKYHAWK AIRCRAFT. FYI: WHILE THESE SALES ARE STILL UNDER REVIEW, EXPECT FAVORABLE DECISION. END FYI. 155 MM HOWITZER SEEMS TO BE SAME WEAPON FORMER LEBANESE PRESIDENT CHAMOUN HAS REQUESTED FROM IRANIANS. WHILE SKYHAWK'S CAPABILITIES DIFFERENT FROM F-5 A'S, LEBANESE AIR FORCE COULD NOT ABSORB BOTH TYPES OF AIRCRAFT WITHOUT A MAJOR EXPANSION BOTH IN PERSONNEL AND IN FACILITIES.

(RECENT BEIRUT AND DEPARTMENT TELEGRAMS RE LEBANESE ARMS REQUEST TO USG BEING REPEATED TO TEHRAN.)

2. SINCE GOI AND USG HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUESTS FOR MATERIEL, USG WOULD WANT TO MAKE SEPARATE CHECK WITH LEBANESE BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER WITH IRANIAN REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER ARMS TO LEBANON. WE PLAN TO DO SO ASSUMING GOI HAS NO OBJECTION. WE WILL NEED OFFICIAL VERIFICATION FROM GOL OF CHAMOUN'S REQUEST TO GOI AND WANT TO DISCUSS WITH LEBANESE APPARENT DUPLICATIONS IN REQUESTS MADE TO USG AND GOI. RE PARA 1 TEHRAN 3697, IF IT TURNS OUT THAT 155 MM GUNS ARE SAME AS THOSE GOL IS SEEKING FROM USG WE WOULD NATURALLY PREFER TO MAKE SALE DIRECTLY UNLESS THERE IS SOME OVERRIDING REASON FOR USING IRAN AS INTERMEDIARY.

3. FOR BEIRUT: INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT YOU SUBSEQUENTLY IF GOI WANTS US TO PURSUE MATTER AND HAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR DISCUSSING CHAMOUN'S REQUEST WITH GOL. RUSH

SECRET

NNNNMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** EXDIS

*** Current Classification *** SECRET

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE104372
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DAKORN: JFC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730555/aaaajwbw.tel
Line Count: 96
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 73 TEHRAN 3660, 3697
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21-Dec-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <16-Jan-2002 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> mcm 980309
Subject: IRANIAN REQUEST FOR TRANSFER MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO LEBANON
TAGS: MASS, IR, LE
To: BEIRUT
TEHRAN
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005